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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Before HARRY HORTON, *Paralegal Specialist*.

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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on February 9, 2009. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter(s) requiring attention prior to docketing.

EXAMINER'S ANSWER, EVIDENCE RELIED UPON

Section 1207.02 of the *Manual of Patent Examining Procedure* (MPEP) (Eighth Ed., Rev. 7, July 2008) states:

(A) CONTENT REQUIREMENTS FOR EXAMINER'S ANSWER. The examiner's answer is required to include, under appropriate headings, in the order indicated, the following items:

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(8) *Evidence Relied Upon.* A listing of the evidence relied on (e.g., patents, publications, admitted prior art), and in the case of nonpatent references, the relevant page or pages.

The Examiner's Answer mailed April 10, 2006 is deficient because the "Evidence Relied Upon" section fails to include the references:

Tosey (US Patent 6,392,990 B1);
Liu (US Patent 6,243,838 B1); and
AAPA (Appellant's Admitted Prior Art)

cited on pages 3 through 9 in the Examiner's Answer's Grounds of Rejection of claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Correction is required.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner:

1) to vacate the Examiner's Answer mailed April 10, 2006;

2) to generate a revised Examiner's Answer correctly setting forth the Evidence Relied Upon section and to correct other sections of the Answer as may be required; and

3) to include the approval of the TC Director or his/her designee (as may be required for any new grounds of rejection); and

4) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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